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Applicant: S. Nagamitsu et al.

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FOR: POWER CONSUMPTION SYSTEM AND

METHOD, INFORMATION ASSEMBLY AND

MEDIUM (AS AMENDED)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

27. (Newly Added) A method of purchasing an appliance consuming electric power from an electric power provider comprising the steps of:

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- (a) obtaining by a user, from an appliance provider, an appliance at a special purchase price;
  - (b) operating by the user the appliance obtained in step (a);
  - (c) measuring the value of the electric power consumed by the appliance when operating in step (b);
  - (d) transmitting the measurement value of the electric power consumed in step (c) to a computer database;
  - (e) accumulating in the database the amount of power measured in step (c);
  - (f) charging the user by the electric power provider a predetermined fee calculated based on the amount of power accumulated in step (e); and
  - (g) providing a portion of the calculated fee charged to the user in step (f) to the appliance provider to offset the special purchase price in step (a).

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